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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA—Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael E. Varnum, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Norfolk, announced today the indictment and arrest of an organization of 27 individuals in connection with a drug trafficking and money laundering ring operating between California, Virginia, and other locations.

On July 24, 2002, a federal grand jury in Norfolk, Virginia, returned a 402-count indictment charging 27 individuals with drug trafficking and money laundering. This morning, in simultaneous operations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service and teams of local law enforcement officers, including the Norfolk Police Department, Virginia Beach Police Department, and law enforcement officials in California and New Jersey, began executing search warrants and arresting the individuals charged in the indictment.

Those arrested were:

Earl Adolphus Alleyne, 28 yrs old, Portsmouth, VA;
Stanford Lynden Arthur, 45 yrs old, Chesapeake, VA;
Marlon Benjamin, a/k/a "Rapid", 25 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Kevin Marcel Boone, a/k/a "Neighbor", 31 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;
Karen Elizabeth Bucknor, a/k/a "Buckers", 32 yrs old, Los Angeles, CA;
Simeon Garggon Charles, a/k/a "Lion", 27 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;
Vimalam Delaney, a/k/a "V", "Vimalam Lakami Ananda Hamilton Delany", 26 yrs old, Los Angeles, CA;
Stephanie Antionette Deering, 20 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Anthony Delgado, 32 yrs old, Irvington, NJ;
Sequoya Marie Dennis, a/k/a "Sequoya Mary Dennis", "Pumpkin", 24 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Andrew Paul Downie, a/k/a "UPS", "Phillip Gayle", "Paul Gayle", "Everett Walker", "Todd", 29 to 31 yrs old, Los Angeles, CA;
Julius Nigel Fredericks, a/k/a "Mike Williams", a/k/a "Mike Francis", 26 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Marlo Anne Henry, 21 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;
Omar Lee Grant, 32 yrs old, Jersey City, NJ ;
Stanley Alphonzo Hurt, 42 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;

Annette Patrice Lane, 25 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Nicole R. Miner, 25 yrs old, Chesapeake, VA;
Authoro Osbourne, a/k/a "Tall Man Johnny", Author Osbourne", Johnny-Nine", 34 yrs old,
Brooklyn, NY;
Kenya Prince Chuncey Purnell, a/k/a "Moses", 31 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;
Barbara Lavette Riddick, a/k/a "Barbie Lavette Riddick", "Lynette", 30 or 31 yrs old, Norfolk,
VA;
Nakia Kenyata Sanderlin, 31 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Casey Ricardo Service, a/k/a "Ricky", "Dooka", 24 yrs old, Los Angeles, CA;
Shaun Alister Tyson, 32 yrs old, Hampton, VA;
Sheila Waller, 29 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;
Lawanda Marie White, 28 yrs old, Norfolk, VA;
Antonio Jermaine Wyatt, a/k/a "Tone", 27 yrs old, Virginia Beach, VA;

The case, designated as an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case, began through the diligent investigative work of the Norfolk Police Department and the FBI.

"With these arrests, we have broken up a large-scale drug supplier in Hampton Roads. This drug gang is alleged to be part of a national ring that supplied marijuana to Virginia and several other states in the Mid-Atlantic region. They used sophisticated money laundering schemes in an attempt to hide their profits. I want to thank the men and women in the FBI and the Norfolk Police Department, as well as numerous other law enforcement agencies, who worked hard to track down this gang," said United States Attorney McNulty.

Special Agent-in-Charge Varnum said, "The Norfolk Police Department initially brought this crime problem to the FBI, and we have since partnered in effectively identifying and dismantling a significant criminal enterprise operating in the Norfolk and Hampton Roads area, and extending to other states."

Assistant United States Attorney Kevin M. Comstock of the Norfolk Division and Assistant United States Attorney Raymond E. Patricco, Jr. of the Alexandria Division are handling the cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office.